

MORE AND MORE MEN ARE LOOKING TO  
THE HEAVENS . . . BUT IN THIS NEW YEAR  
WE LOOK BEYOND . . . TO THE ONE WHO  
HOLDS OUR FUTURE FIRMLY IN HIS HANDS.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

By L. NELSON BELL  
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**Clothed  
And  
Sponsored**

Many people have had a nightmare in which they found themselves unclothed in a public place. But the nightmare of the ages is reserved for those who some day will appear naked and alone in the presence of the King they have rejected.

The Bible is full of references to nakedness, sometimes actual, sometimes figurative. That the disobedience of Adam and Eve made them conscious of their nakedness in God's presence was both symbolic and prophetic.

Many have lost sight of the clear biblical teaching that the Christian wears a robe of righteousness belonging not to him, but to the sinless Son of God. This robe is neither bought nor earned; it is imputed by faith.

Human pride manufactures a robe of self-righteousness, the most dangerous garment a man can wear. Self-righteousness insulates man against God. It is false, futile, and foolish, because the God with whom we have to do sees through it and knows us as we really are.

Isaiah paints a realistic picture in these words: "We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment . . ." (Isa. 64:6, RSV).

Most people are familiar with the power of the X-ray to reveal what is within. But few are conscious of the all-seeing eyes of God. The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews is disarmingly frank: "Neither is there

any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4:13, AV).

Why engage in subterfuge? God not only knows but also understands the thoughts and intents of our heart. How good that he never misjudges our actions or our motives! There are times when we are completely misunderstood by others, but with him there is perfect understanding.

The entire doctrine of righteousness is a part of the thought of the clothing of nakedness; we neglect it to our eternal loss.

In the Revelation we have described for us the conditions existing in seven churches, and we can well heed these descriptions today. Describing the affluent, satisfied, powerless church at Laodicea Jesus calls it "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked" (Rev. 3:17). Was he engaging in picturesque speech, or was he giving all people and all churches of all generations a warning of the danger of turning from righteousness in him to trust in their own human attainments?

Jesus goes on to counsel that church, so typical of our own day, to buy of the Master Provider "white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear" (Rev. 3:18). And our Lord warns in clear

terms: "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame" (Rev. 16:15).

What is the real danger? Failure to appropriate what God has provided.

As a young man I frequently read the twenty-second chapter of Matthew feeling that the king who denounced and expelled the guest not wearing a wedding garment was hard and unjust. Later, in China, I discovered that in their own history they had the custom of the ruler's providing his guests with garments at the door. The king in the biblical story was not unjust; it was the guest who had refused to accept the wedding garment who was at fault. How fatal it is for any man to reject the righteousness of Christ in favor of his own efforts! How utterly foolish to think that anything we can do will merit our standing in the presence of a holy God! How dangerous to explain away the imagery of the "white robes" that are given the saints in glory!

The Prophet Isaiah, who prefaced his remarks with these words, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me," goes on to say, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness . . ." (Isa. 61:10).

The Apostle Paul furthers this thought in telling of his own personal losses (as the world counts loss) but the glorious gain of the believer: ". . . that I may gain Christ, and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith" (Phil. 3:8, 9, RSV).

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#### NEW ARRIVALS . . .

Missionaries Alex and Ann Shevchuk, Far East Broadcasting, Manila, are shown with son Peter and one-week old BENJAMIN.

Kimberly Jean was born November 11 to Pastor and Mrs. Ray Shelton of Galt, California.

#### GLENN J. TOONE . . .

Glenn J. Toone has recently been granted Christian Worker's credentials with this District. He is a member of the Airport Assembly of God in Modesto and is willing to minister in small Assemblies with little financial remuneration. He may be addressed: 1124 E. Terino Ave., Modesto, California 95353.

#### LIEUTENANT COMMANDER DAVID PLANK

Lieutenant Commander David Plank is shown aboard the U.S.S. Hancock as he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal by Rear Admiral John McNay Taylor, Commander Western Sea Frontier, October 29. The award was presented for outstanding performance during Hancock's recent combat deployment.

Chaplain Plank is also to be congratulated upon receiving his promotion to the rank of Commander. In addition to these honors, he has been selected for a year of post-graduate school. For the immediate future, let us continue to remember Chaplain Plank in our daily prayers as he will be aboard the Hancock for approximately one more year of combat duty.

CHAPLAIN PLANK



## PEOPLE AND PLACES

news about  
district  
person-  
alities  
and  
churches

#### TAHOE VALLEY . . .

South Shore Chapel. Two of God's choicest servants, Miss Sharon Wilson, Missionary Nurse to Nigeria, and Dale Lee, Missionary Printer to Upper Volta, challenged our hearts with their ministry. We heartily commend these youthful appointees to the brethren

During the month of November Rev. Leland R. Keys blessed our people with his good ministry Nov. 1 to 4. Rev. Duane Woods ministered Sunday evening, Nov. 6. Groups interested in a Retreat to the Snow Country be advised that local accommodations are available at reasonable rates. Write Pastor Gerald Boyd, P. O. Box 3444, Tahoe Valley, California.

#### ESCALON . . .

Recent special speakers have in-

### Merced, Calvary Assembly, Dedicates New Facility

Calvary Assembly of God was host to the monthly fellowship meeting of the South San Joaquin Section October 24. It was also the time for the dedication of their new building. Rev. R. A. Wilson, assistant Superintendent, was the afternoon speaker and Rev. Joseph Gerhart, Superintendent, brought the dedicatory message in the evening service.

Calvary Assembly of God was begun over five years ago in a store building. Since that time a good congregation has been formed and many

cluded National Speed-the-Light Director, Melvin Steward, Evangelist Robert Harrison, The Noblemen quartet, Evangelists Watson Argue and Garfield Unruh. The Fall Sunday School enlargement campaign saw the attendance goal exceeded on two Sundays.

Pastor R. A. Wilson, Jr.

Through persistent follow-up, a family of seven has been brought into fellowship with the Lord. By being neighborly and inviting a couple to church, the wife of an entertainer received Christ as Saviour on her second visit to church. We thank God for couples who care and share Christ. Pastor Gerald Boyd.

#### LOOMIS . . . SIERRA ASSEMBLY

Sierra Assembly was begun in May 1961 under the direction of Pastor John Hodges and his assistant.

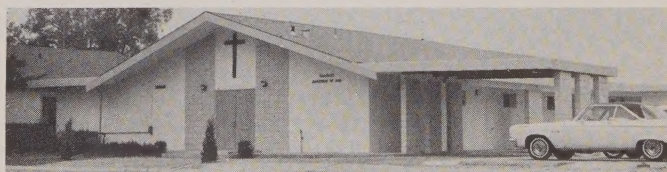
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souls have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

The new church building is 50x80 with a 20-foot wing on one side. There are nine Sunday school rooms, a kitchen, baptistry and an auditorium which seats 225 with an overflow room seating 70. The sanctuary is carpeted wall-to-wall and has upholstered pews. It also has refrigerated air conditioning and central heating.

Rev. W. Earl Hubbard has been the pastor since the work was founded.

1. Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart conducts the dedication service. Pastor Eard Hubbard, left, Rev. R. A. Wilson and Rev. W. O. Vickery, right.
2. Exterior of the new building.
3. Congregation attending the Dedication Service.





A few weeks before the most noted film star of all-time, Francis X. Bushman, passed away, I had the privilege of dining with him and Mrs. Bushman. The dinner was held at the Plaza Hotel in downtown Hollywood and was the monthly affair of the Hollywood Christian Group, of which I happen to be a Field Representative. It was the normal gala occasion of dinner followed by a speaker. It was my honor to be the speaker of the evening.

It had been my intention to speak on the subject of the sins of King Manassa as recorded in the Old Testament, but after dining with Francis X. Bushman and listening to his philosophy and thought, I changed my message, by the grace of God. My subject was, "Vanity! Vanity!"

It occurred to me as I sat and talked with this famous man that I was really tuning-in to one of the most widely experienced men-of-the-world I had ever met — even after twenty years in the film world and drama theatre myself. He fascinated me as he darted quickly from the subject of the Greek Empire to Rome and on to London, Paris, etc. I could see what a quick and interesting mind the man had, and this in spite of his age of 83.

Francis X. Bushman was a man who earned millions as "King of the Movies," and then lost them all as quickly as he had earned them. He was a man who traveled in a gold-plated automobile, let 300 Great Danes romp on his 480-acre estate, then in leaner years moved into a small stucco house in the suburbs of Los Angeles.

He was a man who once needed 18 secretaries to handle his fan-mail; then needed radio work in order to support himself. He made 400 movies, more than any other actor. His biographies say he earned

between six and ten million dollars at the height of his fame as a rugged leading man. Billboards proclaimed his the "handsomest face in the world."

A national survey selected him "King of the Movies" in an era of great established stars. He married four times. In 1918 his contract stipulated that his marriage be kept secret. When he sued for divorce his leading lady and his fans learned that their romantic idol had five children and they all deserted him by the millions for a newcomer Bushman himself had trained, Rudolph Valentino.

In early stardom Bushman smoked monogrammed, lavender cigarettes and was attended by servants in lavender livery. He made more than 5,000 radio broadcasts.

I did not know that he would be dead within a few weeks of our dining. Neither did Francis X. Bushman. But the curtain falls on all of us sooner or later. "For what is your life . . .?"

Mr. Bushman told me that his mother had always prayed that he would become famous. He didn't mention if she had prayed for his soul. As I sat and listened to him, I began to see once again the futility

of bright lights and tinsel of such a make-believe life, and I longed to know what life had taught him through all of his vast experience. Was he satisfied in his old age? Had he any regrets? Had it been worth it all?

Eventually my curiosity got the better of me and I asked him a question I never asked Lionel Barrymore, when I worked with him, or Charles Laughton, Laurence Olivier, or Marilyn Monroe . . . I said, "Tell me, Mr. Bushman, what is it like to have been the most famous of all film stars, to have earned and spent ten million dollars, to have been

known as the most handsome man in the world, to have married four times, to have had 18 personal secretaries handling fan-mail, to have had a 400-acre estate, to have dined with the rich and the famous from all over the world . . . to have had the world bowing at your feet . . .?"

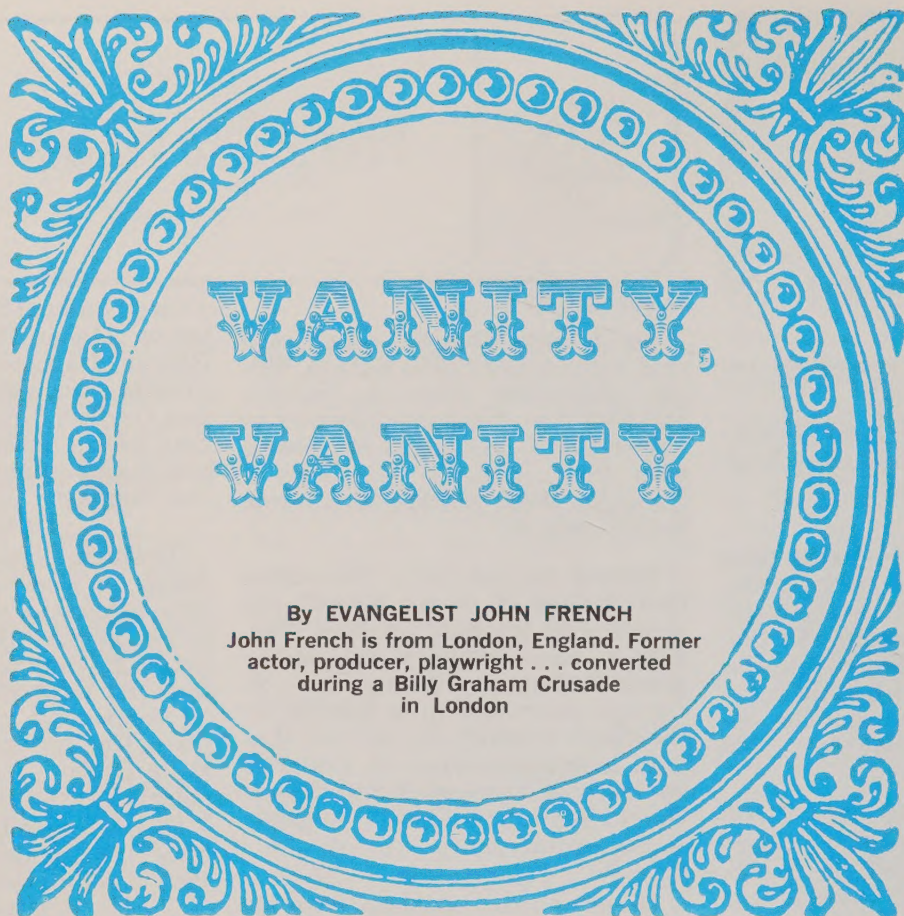
He paused for a second, smiled at me, and then replied without hesitation, "John, vanity, vanity . . . all is vanity." At that moment I was announced as the speaker of the evening and that was the last thing Francis X. Bushman, the greatest of all film stars said to me, "Vanity, Vanity, all is Vanity."

This story is by no means a new story. It has been the subject of thousands of sermons . . . "For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his soul?"

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt and thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and thieves do not break through and steal." Matt. 6:19, 20

That night, in my message, I told Mr. Bushman of the Love of God and of the salvation that can only be won through the Lord Jesus Christ . . . I said how man is cloaked

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## District Calendar

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD



## JANUARY

- 19-20 M.F. Firing Line and WMC Heartline Tour  
 20-21 Christian Education Training Month  
 23 District Presbyters  
 27-28 C.A. Sectional Reps. Conference, Vacaville  
 BBC Registration Fall Semester  
 Chi Alpha Retreat - Mt. Hermon

## FEBRUARY

- 5 Firing Line and Heartline Tours continued  
 9-10 BGMC Sunday  
 10-11 Ch. Ed. Sectional Reps Seminar  
 17-18 BBC Alumni Homecoming  
 18-19 C.A. Youth Leaders Conf., Oakland  
 26 Chr. Ed. All-Commission  
 National WMC Day

## MARCH

- 5 Special Day of Prayer - For Reno Convention  
 6-9 DISTRICT COUNCIL CONVENTION  
 Centennial Coliseum, Reno, Nevada  
 6 M.F. "Victory Banquet"  
 7 WMC DAY - Penny Parade  
 C.A. Rally  
 8 M.F. Luncheon  
 9 Christian Ed. Luncheon  
 13 M.F. "Victory Banquet" LFL - Lodi  
 14 M.F. "Victory Banquet" LFL - San Jose  
 20 Christian Educators Convention  
 20-24 YMM WITNESS - Eureka  
 Missionette Convention

## APRIL

- 21-22 WMC Sectional Foreign Missions Rallies  
 23 Loyalty Campaign (S.S.)  
 28 S.S. Superintendent's Retreat  
 National C.A. Day  
 BBC Campus Day

## MAY

- 4-6 WMC Mother-Daughter Missionette Banquets  
 6 MF "Days of Refreshing" - Silver Spur  
 26 Teen-C.A. Bible Quiz Finals, East Bay  
 27 BBC Baccalaureate  
 30 BBC Commencement  
 Memorial Day - Benevolence Dept. Honor  
 aged ministers and missionaries

## JUNE

- 17 Regional Talent Quiz Finals, No. Calif.  
 18-24 Royal Rangers Week  
 25 Day of Prayer for Campmeetings

- 30-July 9 Bethany Park Campmeeting  
 Dr. Owen Oslin, Rev. A. A. Wilson  
 Mt. Lassen Campmeeting

## JULY

- 2-31 YMM Witness, Latin America  
 4 RFFM - Bethany Park  
 10-15 Bethany Park Boys & Girls Camp  
 13-23 Redwood - Adult Campmeeting  
 17-22 Bethany Park Jr. High Camp  
 Lassen Boys & Girls Camp  
 24-29 Lassen Jr. High Camp  
 Bethany Park Senior High Camp  
 Redwood C.A. Camp  
 31-Aug. 5 Redwood Boys & Girls Camp  
 Lassen Senior High Camp

## AUGUST

- 7-13 Silver Spur Boys & Girls Camp  
 14-17 WMC Ladies' Retreat - Bethany Park  
 14-19 Silver Spur C.A. Camp  
 21-26 Lake Tahoe C.A. Camp  
 24-29 GENERAL COUNCIL - Long Beach

## SEPTEMBER

- 5 BBC, Fall Semester begins  
 18-30 Ministers Institutes  
 24 S.S. CHECKUPS  
 25-29 BBC, Fall Revival

## OCTOBER

- 7 Harvest Rallies (Benevolence)  
 MF "ASSEMBLY-MEN'S" CONVENTION,  
 Oakland Civic Auditorium  
 9-12 WMC Ladies' Retreat - Silver Spur  
 15 National Speed-the-Light Day  
 16-20 PLANNING COUNCIL  
 S.S. Enlargement Campaign  
 31-Nov. 4 All Church Education Tour

## NOVEMBER

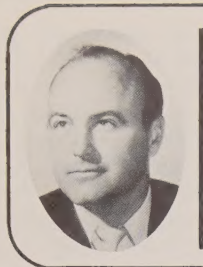
- 4 WMC Leadership Training  
 6 MF Officers Seminar  
 6-20 Speed-the-Light Tour  
 15-19 BBC Fall Choir Tour  
 23-25 C.A. CONVENTION, San Jose

## DECEMBER

- 14 WMC Home Missions Rallies  
 BBC-Sounds of Christmas Music,  
 Civic Aud., Santa Cruz  
 26-30 YMM Witness

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# MENS FELLOWSHIP

E. L. COLE  
President



## NUMBER ONE



### FIRING LINE TOUR

"Heart and Hand" is the theme of this year's "Heart Line - Firing Line" tour that is conducted annually by the Men's Fellowship and Women's Missionary Council Departments of this District.

Pastors and wives;

Men's Fellowship Officers and wives;

Royal Ranger Senior Commanders and wives;

Royal Ranger Sectional Commanders and wives;

"THE HUNDRED AND TWENTY" members and wives;

Plus those from the WMC and their husbands;

—All are invited to attend this year's largest and finest dinner-rallies held in the various sections of the District. At each meeting when dinner is over Mrs. Anderson meets with the ladies to discuss the work of the Women's Missionary Council and Brother Cole meets with the men to discuss Men's Fellowship and Royal Rangers.

Listed elsewhere on this page is the calendar of the tour, but for further information or reservations contact your Sectional WMC Representative, Presbyter, or MF Coordinator.

Departmental activities, projects, and information is presented at these meetings and it is a most important facet of the program for those interested in participation.

Brother Cole is writing person-

### MEETING THE "MASTER RANGER"

Seven.

That's how many boys had a personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ and took Him for their "Master Ranger." Each of them found Christ as Lord and Saviour at the booth for Royal Rangers provided and staffed by the Sacramento Section under the direction of Sectional Commander Lyle Romack.

Over 10,000 tracts written by Brother Romack entitled "Yes It Is Exciting" were distributed. Inquiries that were made were sent to various churches across the State for follow-up work.

Churches and Men's Fellowships with Royal Rangers Outposts in the Section paid for the booth and its construction. Bethel Church in Sacramento took an offering of "change" one night and raised over one hundred dollars for the booth.

Recently a plaque was presented to Commander Romack by the State Fair Association noting that the booth had won fourth place in its division at the Fair.

This is only one of many such projects being sponsored and undertaken across the District by participating laymen in this boys work.

ally to hundreds of men to inform them of the meeting and is desirous of making known to every man in every church what is developing this year in Men's Fellowship.

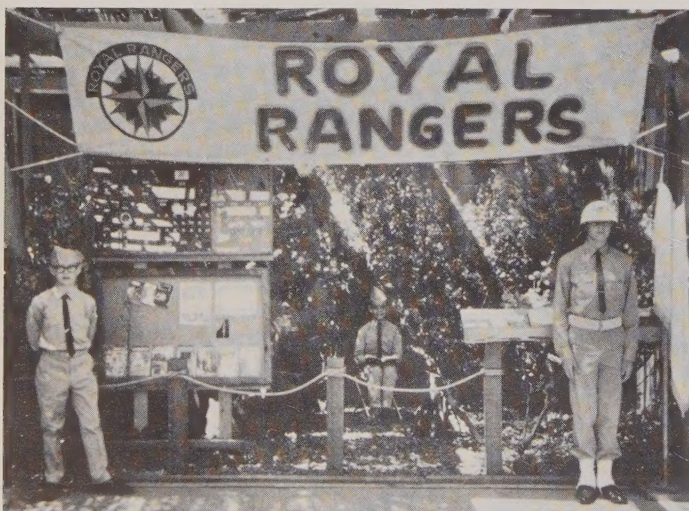
Brother Nick Lanni and Pastor Roggow of Gridley Assembly are shown with the first "Certificate of Fellowship" given from the District office. Their application was placed first in the office during last year's "Firing Line" Tour and they were issued the very first certificate under the new program in the Men's Fellowship Department.

The men of Gridley Assembly have had a very active Men's Fellowship for years and have provided much inspiration to other men and churches.

### ... WITH THE LORD

We extend our sincere sympathy to Esther and Helen Boardman in the recent loss of their dear Mother. Mrs. Boardman had been ill for many months but had never complained of her suffering. She had faithfully backed her daughters as they ministered for the Lord and had lived alone uncomplainingly in order to free the family in their service to God. She will be greatly missed by her family and others who knew and loved her so well.

Word has come of the recent homegoing of Evangelist Walter H. Smith. We are sure that there are many readers of GLAD TIDINGS who remember this fine man's ministry and will be saddened to learn of his passing. We offer our sympathy to the family.



### FIRING LINE TOUR

#### CALENDAR

SECTION	DATE	MF COORDINATOR
	January	
COAST COUNTIES	16	Otto Pauls
SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN	17	Richard Rodoni
CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN	19	George Jenkins
NORTH SAN JOAQUIN	20	Bill Sukow
EAST BAY	23	Rufus Phillips
CONTRA COSTA	24	Geno Delnista
PENINSULA	27	Ray Hagar
	February	
SACRAMENTO VALLEY	2	Art Thompson
BUTTE	3	Cliff Glaze
CAPITOL	6	Bob Smith
LAKE BERRYESSA	7	Rev. Bottroff
NORTH BAY	9	Ray Wilson
LASSEN PLUMAS	13	Jim Williams
SIERRA NEVADA	14	Rev. Crawford
NORTH NEVADA	16	Rev. Schmidt



## POWER OF THE PRINTED PAGE

"The Pen is mightier than the Sword" is a saying which is acknowledged by all for its truth. It is equally true that the pen is mightier than the human voice. The written word will go where and when the human voice cannot.

- It has no passport or visa problem.
- It travels cheaply.
- It leaps language barriers and is never influenced by prejudice.
- It will sail across the ocean, trek across the desert, and trudge down a narrow jungle path.
- It will go into a crowded city or sparsely settled countryside . . . into the mansion or the cottage.
- It will tell its story in home or shop, in factory or field.
- It will reach the most secluded village and dwelling; it will go where even radio cannot reach.

The written word is often more powerful than the human voice. It was said of the apostle Paul, "His letters are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible" (II Cor. 10:10).

- The written word knows no fear . . . it flinches in the face of no man.
- It preaches the same message to the rich and the poor, the king and the commoner.
- It never loses its temper . . . never talks back in anger.
- It takes no note of scoffs, jeers, and insults.
- It never tires, but works 24 hours a day, even while we sleep and rest.
- It is never discouraged, but will tell its story over and over again
- It will speak to one as willingly as to a multitude, and to a multitude as readily as one.
- It always catches a person in just the right mood to be receptive, for it only speaks as he chooses to listen.
- It can be received, read, and studied in secret.
- It gets undivided attention in the quiet hours.
- It speaks without a foreign accent.
- It is more permanent than the human voice.
- It never compromises . . . never changes its message.
- It continues to speak and make its message plain after audible words have been forgotten and lost.



## WOMENS MISSIONARY COUNCIL

GOLDIA ANDERSON  
President



### URGENT!

According to the statistics published by the French Academy, there are approximately 2,400 languages spoken in the world today. Of these only 237 have the complete Bible, 297 additional a whole New Testament and another 716 have at least one complete book of the Bible. Yet there is still plenty of translation and revision to be done. As for the work of distribution with some 70 million adults each year learning to read, it is impossible to catch up—much less to keep pace with the



The YWMC Group from First Assembly of God in Los Gatos, California. Shirley Sanders, Advisor.

### YES, LORD

Annual WMC Day will be observed February 26, 1967 in Assemblies of God churches throughout the nation. Plans are being made by local WMC, YWMC, and Missionettes leaders for this special day.

A poster and preview of program plans will be received by pastors in the February, 1967, edition of ADVANCE. This issue of ADVANCE will reach pastors about the first week in January.

Local presidents will receive a letter of instructions and sample program materials from the National WMC Department by January 15. Anyone not receiving this mailing may request it. Orders for program materials should be sent to the national department immediately. An order form will be found in the program printed in February ADVANCE.

"Yes, Lord" is the theme chosen for WMC Day. This is a most fitting theme for the thousands of women and girls who have willingly shared and even sacrificed that others might be helped spiritually and materially.

need. The answer to this problem of more adequate publication and distribution of the Bible depends, to a large extent, on the seriousness with which the church as a whole recognizes its obligation and responds to it.

To date the churches have contributed about 20% of the cost of the American Bible Society's work; but with confidence the Society looks forward to the churches assuming 50% of the operational expenses in the near future. American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

### REMEMBER

In our "TODAY" —

Africa is 90% non-Christian

India is 92% non-Christian

China is 99% non-Christian

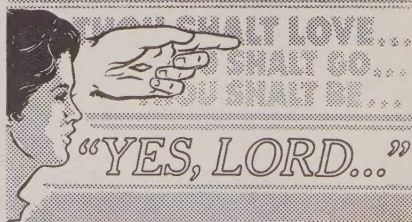
Korea, "the most Christian nation in the Orient"—only 10% Christian.

We, the church, must give them the living WORD by our prayers, our money, ourselves.

National WMC Day is the time when an offering is received by local groups and pastors for the support of the National WMC Department. The contributions received supply the major part of the support of WMC, YWMC and Missionettes ministries. This makes possible the provision of free materials and services to district, sectional, and local leaders as well as to home and foreign missions and benevolent institutions.

Following this special observance testimonies are received telling of God's blessing in churches where National WMC Day is remembered. Your prayers that this will be true once again will be appreciated.

**WMC DAY** FEBRUARY 26  
1967







# HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONS

RUBEN A. WILSON  
Director of  
Home and Foreign Missions



RALPH AND JEWYL WILLIAMS . . .

Ralph and Jewyl Williams send their greetings from Venezuela, So. America.



## JAMES STEWARTS TO FURLOUGH . . .

The James Stewarts have been able to secure their bookings and plan to leave Capetown, South Africa on December 28 and expect to arrive in San Francisco on the afternoon of January 10. After a brief time for getting settled Brother Stewart will be available for conventions and will also be itinerating in the various sections.

## MISSSES GRANER AND GINN . . .

Miss Lydia Graner and Miss Mildred Ginn sailed from Seattle, Washington on October 3 for India. She writes that parts of their trip were near the war areas. Once they were escorted by fourteen gun boats and another time a mine sweeper accompanied them. They expected to arrive at Madras, India about the first of December. Miss Graner expresses appreciation to the friends of the District for their help and prayers.

## SAO PAULO, BRAZIL . . .

A new church and a secondary school have been opened in Juquitiba, Sao Paulo, Brazil under the ministry of Antonette Johnson. These are pictured below.

Sister Johnson's two radio programs are also proving a real blessing and she reports that many have been saved as a result of them.



## HELEN RYE PREPARES TO RETURN TO JAMAICA . . .

After a long period of time recuperating from surgery on her hip Miss Helen Rye has recovered sufficiently that she is planning to return to Jamaica as soon as she can make arrangements. She has been making contacts through the Heart Line tour and will be itinerating some in the early months of next year. Her leadership in the Sunday School and Bible School ministries is very vital to the work in Jamaica.

## ALEX SHEVCHUK . . .

Alex Shevchuk writes that he began teaching in our Assemblies of God Bible School, Bethel Bible Institute, in November. His subjects are Personal Evangelism and Pentecostal Truths.

Brother Shevchuk's broadcasts are being heard in Siberia, Australia and South East Asia. One listener wrote, "Do not be discouraged, your voices are being heard unto the ends of the world."

When President and Mrs. L. B. Johnson visited the Philippines, Alex was asked by the U. S. Embassy to give the Russian edition of the news for the Voice of America.

## NEW HOME MISSIONS CHURCH AT DANVILLE, CALIFORNIA . . .

On November 27, opening services were conducted in the Valley Assembly of God at Danville. Rev. Gene Anderson of Dublin was the guest speaker for the occasion and about 150 people were in attendance. Services are being conducted in the Veterans' Memorial Building at 120 Hartz Avenue. Rev David Elmes is pastor.

## THE DON CORBINS . . .

The Don Corbins report that they have had the Stanley MacPhersons with them for services in Dakar, Senegal. Many were saved and several received physical healing. The most encouraging thing was that many are becoming very hungry for the Baptism in the Spirit. "We have not yet had a real Pentecostal outpouring in Dakar and how desperately we need it . . ."

## DEDICATION AT TRINIDAD, CALIF. . . .

On November 7 the new church building at Trinidad was dedicated to the Lord by Rev. R. A. Wilson, Assistant Superintendent.

Pastor Archie Pool was pastor during the time of construction. The building was constructed by the same Pioneer Plan that was used at Klamath, Orick and several other places.

The old property that served as a place of worship was sold and this new building was constructed under the auspices of the Home Missions Board. Rev. Leland Wyman is the present pastor.

## ELKO, NEVADA DEDICATION . . .

At the time of the November Fellowship Meeting the church at Elko, Nevada was dedicated to the Lord.

The speaker for the afternoon was former pastor, Rev. Harold Smith of Quincy, Washington. The evening speaker was Assistant Superintendent R. A. Wilson.

This building program was started by Brother Smith who also did much of the carpenter work. Rev. Maurice Caudill, the present pastor, has been responsible for finishing up the building.

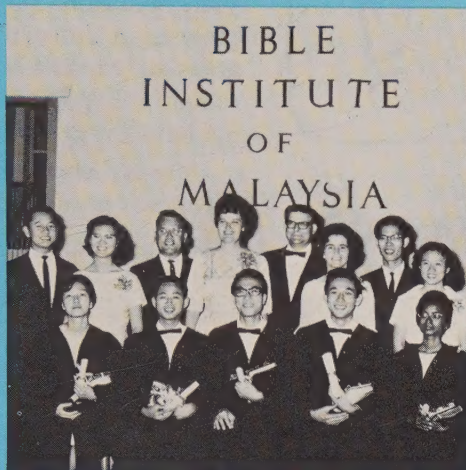
The church has a full basement and a five-room apartment for the pastor. It is a credit to the community and to the Assemblies of God. This church is under the Home Missions Department of the District.







Man who had growth in stomach for 7 yrs. Instantly healed. Being interviewed by Bernhard Johnson, missionary.



Revival in Porto Alegre, Brazil in October 1966 where 1300 were saved in one week.



Crowds that attended the Louis Neely campaign in Belo Horizonte, Brazil in July 1966. 1100 came for salvation in 1 week, Bernhard Johnson, Missionary.

## Bro. E. C. Lagmay Conducts A Baptismal Service After Revival In The Philippines! A Picture Story . . .

Revival meeting is on: The front wall of the church was removed to accommodate the crowd. The church and front yard is packed like sardines. A good number of souls saved in this revival.



On their way to the creek for the converts to be baptized. No wide road to walk on; so they walk by single file. Brother Lagmay at the middle waving his hat.



Two old ladies: One is 75 years old and the other is 73. They followed the crowd to be baptized. Truly salvation is no respecter of age.



At last we arrived at the creek. The lower line or group are the candidates for baptism. The higher group or line are the observers.



Scene of the creek and water. This man was the first one to be baptized among the candidates. He wept with joy after he came up from the water.

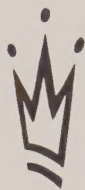






## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BERENT N. KNUTSEN  
Director



### 1967 WORKERS TRAINING BOOK ANNOUNCED

The January teachers training course highlights a new book entitled *Teaching As Jesus Taught*. The book, by John Garlock, is a thorough study in the way Jesus solved many of the frustrating problems all teachers face from time to time. *Teaching As Jesus Taught* discusses such questions as the difference between teaching and preaching and what circumstances call for one or the other. The Christian's place in civic and social activities are dealt with in terms of the Sunday school teacher's work.

Would you like to have the confidence that your teaching is patterned after Jesus' teaching? Then, this study is for you! *Teaching As Jesus Taught* is a study you'll enjoy from start to finish.

The books are available through the District Office at a ten percent discount.

### TEACHERS' CONVENTION

A DATE TO REMEMBER FOR ALL CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS:  
MARCH 20, 1967.

The next Christian Educators Commission Convention will be held on March 20, 1967. The location and the details of the convention will be mailed to you after the first of the year.

Planning is in progress for another interesting and productive day together. Plan too, to be there.

### GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN

Although the cost of living is constantly rising in almost all categories, the world's most priceless possession is still available at less than the cost of any paperback on your newsstand.

On September 15 the American Bible Society published "Good News for Modern Man," the entire New Testament in Today's English Version (T.E.V.). The 608-page paperback featuring almost 200 modern line drawings by the contemporary Swiss artist, Annie Vallotton, will sell for 25 cents a copy, compared

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### LISTEN TO YOUR CHECKUP

Your Sunday School Checkup has a story to tell. It is a story to help you maintain success and retain growth—a story that alerts you to areas of weakness in your Sunday school and points out features you may have overlooked.

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- Fill out the new National Standard Worksheet.
- Establish spiritual goals for the 1966-67 Sunday school year.
- Establish numerical goals.
- Establish goals in administration.
- Carefully study the new feature on equipment and facilities.
- Meet with all Sunday school workers and explain the returned Checkup and why the school earned the award it did.
- Fill out the "Plan of Action" column on the worksheet for the 1966-67 Sunday school year. Write for free copies of the worksheet from your District office.

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## BBC MUSIC SEMINAR

Exciting new ideas and arrangements in music will be the order of the day during the annual Music Seminar at Bethany Bible College January 10 and 11. The entire program is under the direction of Reverend Dave Peters, Director of Music at Bethany.

Two gifted musicians and directors will be featured as this year's guests. They are Mr. Jesse Peterson and Mr. Robert Shepard.

Mr. Jesse Peterson is chairman of the Fine Arts Department at Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri, and is presently completing a DMA degree at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, where he also serves on the staff of the Conservatory of Music. A graduate of Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth, and the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Peterson is the original organizer of the band program at Evangel College, where he has been a faculty member since 1956. During the summer of 1964, Peterson directed the Evangel College Wind Ensemble and Male Chorus in a con-



MR. JESSE  
PETERSON

cert tour in twelve European countries, and also for two days at the New York World's Fair.

Mr. Robert Shepard is presently music coordinator for the state-side broadcasts of the Far East Broadcasting Company. The program "The Call of the Orient" is heard over 34 stations throughout the United States. He is the director and arranger for the "Bob Shepard Chorale." This popular group is heard in concert appearances as well as on TV and radio in the Southern California area. Shepard, a graduate of the University of Southern California, also attended Los Angeles State College for one year, and studied music for six years at Trinity College in London, England.

Registration for these informative two days is \$7.50. Additional information concerning the schedule can be acquired from the Music Department at Bethany.

## BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE

DR. CORDAS C. BURNETT  
President



### NEW SEMESTER BEGINS JANUARY 23rd

January 23 and 24 will see the start of a new semester at Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz. The college had an excellent increase in enrollment of 12.3% for the Fall semester, but Dr. C. C. Burnett, president of the college, reports that there are still accommodations available for qualified students to register for the Spring session. Inquiries should be made immediately to: The Registrar, 800 Bethany Drive, Santa Cruz, California.

Joining the faculty for the Spring semester is Kenneth Liu, who will be teaching in the Bible Department. Liu graduated from Bethany with a major in Bible in 1963, and was selected as commencement speaker at that time. Since then he has been studying at Talbot Theological Seminary in La Mirada, California, where he has received the Bachelor of Theology degree, and is a candidate for the Master of Theology. Mr. Liu is of Chinese descent, and came to Bethany from Calcutta, India. He is married with no children.

### Bethany Homecoming '67

The 1967 Homecoming activities for all graduates and former students of Bethany Bible College and Glad Tidings Bible Institute will be held on the college campus in Santa Cruz February 10 and 11.

Activities will begin with a musicale and the Homecoming basketball game Friday evening, and will culminate with the Annual Alumni Banquet Saturday at noon.

Many favorable comments were received on the expanded two-day program of last year, and some regrets were heard from those who missed the activities. Alumni are urged to reserve these dates now, and make plans to attend.

The basketball game will feature the Bethany Parsons pitted against last year's Conference champions Western College from El Cerrito. It promises to be an exciting contest.

### HECKSEN RESIGNS FROM BBC FACULTY

On Monday, November 21, Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, President of Bethany Bible College, announced with regret to the student body the resignation of Martin H. Heicksen from Bethany's faculty. The Reverend Mr. Heicksen has accepted a position with Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois where he will begin teaching in the Bible Department in January.

Heicksen, a veteran member of Bethany's faculty, joined the college in July, 1948. In these 18 years he has made valuable contributions to the college program. In addition to his classroom responsibilities, he also



REV. MARTIN  
H. HEICKSEN

served as college registrar from 1948 to 1954 and drew the plans for the original Craig Chapel structure built in 1955. Prior to coming to Bethany, he had pastored in Montana and taught at Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri.

Since 1964, Rev. Heicksen has been active with the Near East School of Archaeology in Jerusalem, Jordan, where he served as resident director in 1964 and in the summers of 1965 and 1966. He will expand his archaeological work in the Near East with his new association with Wheaton College. Heicksen recently announced that he had leased for five years the site of the ancient Biblical city of Tekoa where he will conduct extensive archaeological diggings.

In Mr. Heicksen's statement con-

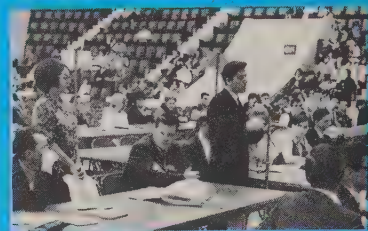
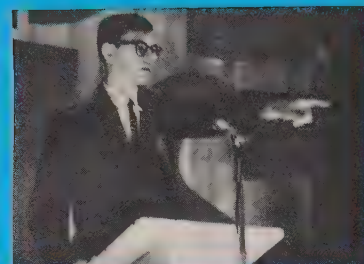
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# CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

STEPHEN ASMUTH  
President



Left/ Jerry Sheppard chairing the Youth Congress as "Speaker of the House." Youth "Congressmen" discuss important resolutions.

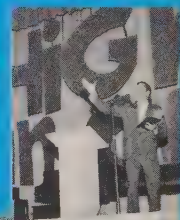
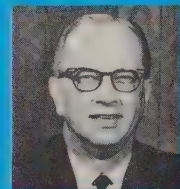
Convention speaker, C. M. Ware of "Revelations."



Left/ Audrey Maltz introducing three girls' vocal trio. Mrs. Maltz's Saturday afternoon topic, "The Empty Chair," called for testimonies from Youth Members and O-Capt Steve Asmuth.

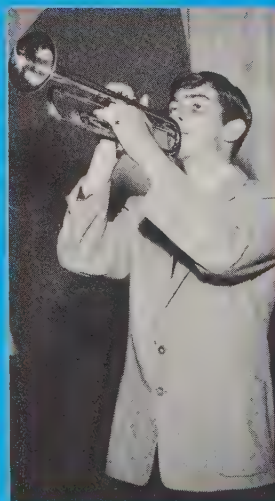
## '66 C. A. Convention Highlights

During C.A. VP Elmer Moore directing the Saturday night rally Youth Evangelist Tommy Burrows presiding in the Convention.



PANEL OF PERSONALITIES that began the Airault Convention Director, Youth Talent winners, Debbie Weaver and Doug Shewey, of South's Belief Temple. Evangelist and hostess presenting musical program. Youth Song contest winner, David from Newark Assembly. Triumphant Treasurer, Steve Smith, Houston Assembly. Rally Winner, last year's national vocal solo winner, Barry Watkins.

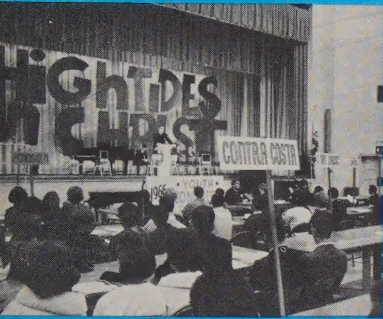
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"Christian Soldiers", instrumental winners from Turlock.



Sectional delegates attend Youth Congress. "The Disciples Three" promote rally throughout Santa Cruz. Young people respond to the invitation at the concluding rally with 1,700 in attendance.



## VANITY, VANITY

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in the pleasures of the world, how he covers his human weaknesses by seeking fame and fortune . . . how man is lost without the help of God. I told him that, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

The last I saw of Francis X. Bushman his head was bowed, his eyes closed and his wife's arm across his aged shoulder . . . with tears on his aged face . . . he was crying, and

## GOOD NEWS

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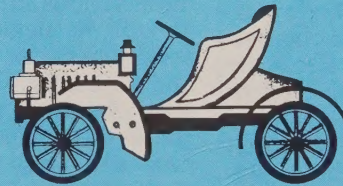
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We received a testimony from a trucker who stated he found his way back to God after 17 years as a backslider in bondage to alcohol. Sitting in his truck on a Sunday afternoon as Brother Ward invited sinners to find room at the Cross, he bowed his head and asked God to take him back. That happened six years ago, and he just wrote to tell us . . . reported by Lee Schulz, National Secretary of Radio.

## STATE SEMINAR FEB. 6-7

A State Seminar on "Christian Responsibility in Public Affairs" is to be held at California's State Capitol and the Hotel Senator (Across from the Capitol), Sacramento, on February 6-7, 1967.

It will be sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals. This Seminar is especially for pastors and laymen. Panels will be composed of distinguished leaders from the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government representing various political and minority groups.

A letter, well in advance, advising your assemblyman and/or senator of your intended visit and a request for an appointment is appropriate.

Subjects to be discussed include: "Processes of State Government"; "Dimensions of Christian Responsibility in Public Affairs"; "Public Education and the Place of the Church and Clergy," Dr. Max Rafferty, State Superintendent of Instruction; "Law Enforcement, Crime and the Courts"; "Public Welfare

## MORE PEOPLE and PLACES... (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

ant Jack Vierstra. Pastor and Mrs. Hodges worked faithfully in establishing the church under the Home Missions Department of the District. When it became necessary for Pastor Hodges to resign, due to poor health, Reverend Jack Vierstra was appointed to serve. During his ministry property was purchased and through the faithful cooperation of the members of the church and friends from other Assemblies, excellent improvements have been made in the facilities. The Roseville Assembly with its Pastor, Reverend Robert Pirtle, sponsored the Sierra Assembly for quite sometime. Pastor Vierstra has recently resigned and the Reverend Earl Smith has become the new Pastor . . . reported by Fannie C. Leedy, Secretary.

CHAPLAIN ARDON O. SCHMIDT . . .

Chaplain Schmidt recently suffered injuries as the helicopter in which he was a passenger was hit by gunfire. Fragments hit the right arm and hand of the Chaplain necessitating stitches in a finger and the arm. We thank God that this was not a more serious injury. Let this remind us not to neglect praying for our servicemen in Vietnam faithfully and earnestly. Remember to include their families in your prayers as these dear ones suffer much loneliness and anxiety for the safety of their men in combat.

ORANGEVALE . . .

We recently redecorated our Education Building, both the interior and exterior. Our new sanctuary was dedicated two years ago. Evangelist Raymond Ton held a very successful "Family Revival" in which one hundred new families were contacted and the entire church was benefited. Paul Miller, who has been our Music Director for the past seven years, has accepted a position in Seattle. We regret his leaving. We are glad that Don Meltzer, formerly an officer in the Conductor's Guild, and well-known in the religious musical field, has accepted our invitation to serve our Assembly.

"During this first year of our pastoring Today"; "Human Relations and Social Conflict"; "The Place of the Legislative Advocate.

Cost is \$10.00 with registration to be paid by January 10. \$14.00 is to be sent with registration or paid on arrival. The total of \$24.00 covers twin room, four meals and gratuities and all fees. Send to: N. A. E., Southwest Region, Box 1111, Whittier, California 90603.

torate in Orangevale we have seen a most gratifying growth and have been thrilled with the number who have found the Lord as their Savior, especially since most of these have been young couples with their families. We feel that the outlook in this area is for a precious spiritual awakening."

Pastors F. A. and Inez Sturgeon  
"BROTHER" JOHN NICOLICH . . .

Brother Nicolich reports that he and three other workers visit the hospitals every day and are seeing souls saved. He is working in a number of hospitals and convalescent homes in Stockton, Tracy and Livermore. Brother John relates that he was working in a hospital when Christ saved him in 1917 in San Francisco. Since that time he has had a great concern for the spiritual welfare of those who are sick and has faithfully ministered to them. We are grateful for the faithfulness of this dear man of God. Pray for him as he continues this work even though he is getting up in years and is not in good health himself.

BETHEL CHURCH, SAN JOSE . . .

Bethel Church, San Jose, reports a good meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Louis Neely. An unusual feature of the Pentecostal Emphasis Crusade was a "coffee" held by Mrs. Neely for the ladies. This "coffee" was attended by women who would not normally attend church. Many souls were touched in this revival.

In a recent Sunday evening service Audrey Mieir was the special guest. She brought with her Velma Moore and the blind duet, "The Brillettes." Sister Mieir's ministry of music and word was appreciated.

The annual Missionary Convention was just concluded in Bethel. The missionaries representing the various fields of home and foreign missions were: Earl Kramer, Colombia; Lowell Dowdy, Ecuador; Rev. Bubb, Battle Mountain, Nevada; Sharon Wilson, Nigeria; Richard Ruff, Europe; Elmer Bueno, Missionary Evangelist; and Reuben Wilson, Missions Department.

## HEICKSEN RESIGNS

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cerning leaving Bethany, he also noted his plans for additional postgraduate studies at the nearby University of Chicago as contributing to his decision. Rev. Heicksen has been greatly appreciated and will be missed by all those associated with Bethany Bible College and this District.



## GUEST EDITORIAL

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To this assurance the writer would give this testimony: A few months ago I became critically ill after a minor operation. Short of breath and in severe pain, I became acutely aware of the situation as my mind cleared in the coolness and relief of the oxygen tent.

From personal experience, from the activities around me, and from snatches of conversation I knew this could well be the end. One's reaction to the Christian hope at a time like this, with all faculties acutely active, must be recorded.

There was no conscious prayer in words of petition, only a sense of utter thankfulness to God for his goodness and faithfulness. During that uncertain night the heart spoke a fervent "Thank you, Lord," perhaps a hundred times—thanksgiving for what he had done, for what he was doing right then, and for what he would do in the future down into eternity.

It is difficult to describe the overwhelming assurance of the reality of

salvation and of God's loving presence. This cannot be compared with the preservation of life from physical danger—the ejecting of a pilot from a crippled jet and subsequent opening of a parachute, or the finding of solid rock under one's feet in a turbulent stream, for instance.

But when the time comes when one is aware that "this may be it," there are no words to express the joy of *knowing* all is well, not because of anything one ever did but because Jesus Christ did everything.

This was not a case of posing as a "good man." It involved an overwhelming sense of my sinful acts and thoughts and of utter unworthiness. But it also involved a realization that the robe of righteousness had been provided by my Saviour, that I had accepted it by faith, and that I could stand in his holy presence with complete confidence in what he had done for me.

My life may be spared many years, or the end may come at any time; but I believe I have been spared, for one thing, to bear wit-

ness that the robe of Christ's righteousness is available to all and covers every sin.

Paul gave assurance to the youthful Titus in these words: "He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life. The saying is sure" (Titus 3:5-8a, RSV).

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